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SYSTEM  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, line 3, please replace the current reference to related applications with the following new reference:

-- Reference To Pending Prior Patent Applications

This is a continuation of pending prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/104,256, filed 03/21/2002 by David T. Chen et al. for VIDEO-BASED SURGICAL TARGETING SYSTEM (Attorney's Docket No. MMS-25), which in turn (1) is a continuation-in-part of pending prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/746,992, filed 12/21/2000 by David T. Chen et al. for VIDEO-BASED SURGICAL TARGETING SYSTEM (Attorney's Docket No. MMS-4 CON 2) and (2) claims benefit of prior pending U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/277,664, filed 03/21/01 by David T. Chen et al. for VIDEO-BASED SURGICAL TARGETING SYSTEM (Attorney's

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